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FOR DI, BRASS KNOB, DOCR, DM 4, DIM, SAC HQS, OMAHA. FROM NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER. SUBJECT: FILM EVALUATION MISSION 3639.

1. CAMERA B 13 WAS USED IN MISSION 3639 FLOWN ON 20 JUNE 1963; PROCESSING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY LAUGHLIN.

2. ORIGINAL NEGATIVE:

A. THE EXPOSURE IS ADEQUATE AND THE RESOLUTION IS FAIR TO GOOD.

B. 9R SIDE: THIS SIDE SHOWS NO CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS OR STATIC THAT CAN BE RELATED TO THE CAMERA. THE CONDITION OF THE FILM INDICATES CAREFUL HANDLING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A CREASE RUNNING THROUGH FRAMES 1557 THROUGH 1559, WHICH OCCURRED AFTER PROCESSING, APPARENTLY IN DRYING, AND MINOR EDGE CRIMPING ON THE INBOARD EDGE

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ON FRAMES 2200 THROUGH 2285. PROCESSING STREAKS RUN THROUGHOUT THE MISSION AND ARE MOST PRONOUNCED ON THE FIRST AND LAST 100 FRAMES.

C. 9L SIDE: STARTING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MISSION (FRAME 001) THERE ARE MINOR PROCESSING STREAKS WHICH BECOME SEVERE AT FRAME 0050. THESE STREAKS ARE MOST PREDOMINANT ON THE INBOARD SIDE OF THE NEGATIVE UNTIL FRAME 0112 WHERE THEY COVER THE ENTIRE FORMAT. THERE ARE TWO MINOR SCRATCHES IN FRAMES 0131 AND 0269. THERE IS EVIDENCE OF THE FILM STARTING TO MISTRACK IN THE PROCESSOR AT FRAME 0286. THIS MISTRACKING BECOMES PROGRESSIVELY WORSE UNTIL FRAME 0296. COMMENCING AT FRAME 0296 THE NEGATIVE IS DEGRADED TO THE POINT WHERE ENTIRE FRAMES ARE MISSING (0313, 0334 AND 0335). THE NEXT 87 FRAMES ARE A CONGLOMERATION OF WRINKLES, TEARS, HOLES, CREASES, CHEMICAL STAINS AND SEVERE FOGGING. THERE IS A SERIES OF MINUS DENSITY DOTS, 0.02" IN DIAMETER AND 1.5" APART LOCATED 2.7" FROM, AND PARALLEL TO, THE OUTBOARD EDGE FROM FRAME 0001 TO 0310. A MINUS DENSITY STREAK VARYING IN WIDTH FROM 0.04" TO 0.08" IS LOCATED 1.15" AND PARALLEL TO THE INBOARD EDGE FROM FRAME 0220 TO FRAME 1057. A SERIES OF PLUS DENSITY DOTS MEASURING 0.1" IN DIAMETER ARE LOCATED 3.35" FROM AND PARALLEL TO THE OUTBOARD EDGE IN FRAME 0589 AND 0590. WHEN THESE DOTS NO LONGER APPEAR A FINE PLUS DENSITY STREAK APPEARS AND CONTINUES THROUGH FRAME 1005. THERE IS INBOARD AND OUTBOARD

EDGE STATIC AND EDGE FOG FROM FRAME 0001 THROUGH FRAME 1060. A SERIES OF SMALL MINUS DENSITY STREAKS ASSOCIATED WITH PLUS DENSITY FOG PATCHES (DESCRIBED MORE PRECISELY IN PREVIOUS MISSIONS) OCCUR 2.7" FROM THE OUTBOARD EDGE IN FRAMES 0999, 1007, 1016, 1019 AND 1030. NUMEROUS PINHOLES ARE NOTED IN FRAMES 2248 THROUGH FRAME 2285. MINOR INBOARD EDGE CRIMPING IS NOTED IN FRAMES 2254 THROUGHOUT FRAME 2285.

D. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A FAULT OR MALFUNCTION THAT IS COMMON TO BOTH SIDES.

E. THERE WERE NO MAJOR CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS ON THIS MISSION.

3. POSITIVE:

A. THE PI SUITABILITY IS FAIR TO POOR. THE POSITIVES WERE POOR WHERE THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED, BUT ONLY FAIR WHERE THE NEGATIVES WERE OF GOOD QUALITY. THIS DEGRADATION IS ATTRIBUTED TO POOR PRINTING AND/OR THE PROCESSING OF THE POSITIVE.

B. CLOUDS COVERED 55-60 PERCENT OF THE MISSION.

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(SIG/CEN NOTE: MESSAGE ALSO TRANSMITTED CIA WATCH ASP/RR)